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2010 Annual Oilseed Summary and Table

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Montana's flaxseed production in 2010 was 255,000 bushels, up from 160,000 bushels a year ago. Growers planted and harvested 15,000 acres in 2010, compared with 11,000 acres planted and 10,000 acres harvested in 2009. The average yield for 2010 was 17.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel per acre from a year ago.

Production of mustard seed for 2010 was 12.8 million pounds, compared with 16.3 million in 2009. Planted acres were 16,500, down 1,500 from last year. Harvested acres were 16,000, compared with 17,700 acres in 2009. Mustard seed yields averaged 800 pounds per acre in 2010, down 120 pounds per acre from last year's record high.

Montana canola growers planted 17,500 acres in 2010, up 11,000 acres from 2009. Harvested acreage was 17,400 acres, up 10,900 acres from last year. The 2010 canola yield was 1,730 pounds per acre, up 70 pounds per acre from a year ago. Canola production totaled 30.1 million pounds, up from 10.8 million pounds in 2009.

Growers produced 23.0 million pounds of safflower, down from 23.5 million pounds produced last year. Safflower planted acres for 2010 totaled 28,000, with 27,000 acres harvested. Last year there were 31,000 acres planted with 30,500 acres harvested. Yield was 850 pounds per acre, up 80 pounds per acre from 2009.

United States flaxseed production in 2010 totaled 9.06 million bushels, up 22 percent from last year and 58 percent above 2008. Harvested area totaled 418,000 acres in 2010, up 33 percent from last year. The average yield for 2010, at 21.7 bushels per acre, represents the second highest yield on record, only behind the 2009 record yield of 23.6 bushels per acre. Production increased from the previous year in all estimating states except for Minnesota

United States mustard seed production for 2010 decreased 15 percent from last year to 41.9 million pounds. Planted area, at 50,500 acres, is down 2 percent and harvested area, at 48,100 acres, is down 3 percent from 2009. The average yield is 870 pounds per acre, 121 pounds below last year's record high yield.

United States canola production in 2010 is estimated at a record high 2.45 billion pounds, up 66 percent from 2009 but down 3 percent from the October 1 forecast. The yield, at 1,713 pounds per acre, is down 98 pounds from last year's record high yield and down 73 pounds from October. Planted area is estimated at 1.45 million acres, 75 percent above last year's acreage. Harvested area, at 1.43 million acres, is up 76 percent from 2009.

United States safflower production for 2010, at 221 million pounds, is down 9 percent from 2009. Growers planted 175,000 acres in 2010, unchanged from last year, while harvested area, at 167,700 acres, is up 1 percent from the previous year. The yield, at 1,320 pounds per acre, decreased 142 pounds from 2009. California producers led the Nation, producing 125 million pounds of safflower, down 12 percent from 2009.

2010 Annual Oilseed Summary

| Crop | Montana | | | | | | | US Production (000) Bu |
|---|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Year | Planted (000) Acres | Harvested Acres (000) | Yield Bu/Acre | Production (000) Bu | Season Avg. Price Dollars | Value of Production (000) Dollars | |
| Flaxseed | 2008 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 72 | **\$17.70 | \$1,274 | 5,716 |
| | 2009 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 16.0 | 160 | \$7.80 | \$1,248 | 7,423 |
| | 2010 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 17.0 | 255 | \$11.20 | \$2,856 | 9,056 |
| | | (000) Acres | (000) Acres | Lbs / Acre | (000) Lbs | | (000) | (000) Lbs |
| Canola | 2008 | 7.5 | 7.4 | **1,910 | 14,134 | \$16.50 | \$2,332 | 1,445,064 |
| | 2009 | *6.5 | *6.5 | 1,660 | 10,790 | \$13.50 | \$1,457 | 1,474,130 |
| | 2010 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 1,730 | 30,102 | \$20.00 | **\$6,020 | 2,450,947 |
| Mustard Seed | 2008 | 28.0 | 24.4 | 410 | 10,004 | -- | -- | 41,255 |
| | 2009 | 18.0 | 17.7 | **920 | 16,284 | -- | -- | 49,364 |
| | 2010 | 16.5 | 16.0 | 800 | 12,800 | -- | -- | 41,861 |
| Safflower | 2008 | 29.0 | 28.0 | *600 | 16,800 | **\$27.50 | \$4,620 | 310,433 |
| | 2009 | 31.0 | 30.5 | 770 | 23,485 | \$19.00 | \$4,462 | 241,970 |
| | 2010 | 28.0 | 27.0 | 850 | 22,950 | \$19.00 | \$4,361 | 221,335 |
| --Not Available *Record Low **Record High | | | | | | | | |

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